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Jimmy Tyree
Bureau of Land Management
St. George Field Office
345 East Riverside Drive
St. George, Utah 84790

Subject: Authorization for Full Release of Reclamation Surety and File Closure, Thirstystone Resources, Inc., Picture Springs Quarry, S/053/0028, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tyree:

This letter constitutes concurrence from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for the Bureau of Land Management to fully release the reclamation surety being held for the referenced mine site.

The BLM is presently holding surety in the amount of \$2,500 for revegetation establishment. This site was reclaimed in 2011 by backfilling the pit and regrading disturbances associated with the project and seeding of the site. At the time, several large boulders were left adjacent to the site at the request of the BLM for future sale.

The Division has conducted regular inspections at this site since the reclamation work was completed to monitor vegetation establishment. During our last inspection, it was determined that a diverse vegetation community has established, and while the amount of vegetation cover is lower than the Division's normal standard, this is likely because of the large amount of surface rock and that the operator has completed revegetation within practical limits.

The Division will close its file for this project after receiving notice that the surety has been released. Please contact Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about this authorization. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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cc: Carl White, Thirstystone (cwhite@thirstystone.com)

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